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- Representatives of the Office of the Czechoslovak Commercial Attache, Vienna, have offered to provide Austrian firms with from five to fifteen thousand tons of chromium ore. The ore was imported into Czechoslovakia from China. The Veitscher Magnesitwerke A.G., Vienna I, Schwarzenbergerplatz 5, is said to be interested in purchasing 1,000 tons of the ore, providing that the silicon dioxide content of the ore does not exceed 5%. The Czechs state that the silicon dioxide content is probably 7% or 8%. No commitments regarding the ore have been made by either side.
- During the course of the recent Austro-Czech trade negotiations, representatives of the Czech Kovo trust inquired if Austria could supply Czechoslovakia with up to \$300,000 worth of special electronic tubes. The Czechs did not specify models since the request was apparently exploratory.

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